

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X  
no     

Property Name: Watson House Inventory Number: WI-125  
Address: Railway & Vine Streets City: Sharptown Zip Code:       
County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Sharptown  
Owner:      Is the property being evaluated a district?      yes  
Tax Parcel Number:      Tax Map Number:      Tax Account ID Number:       
Project: Section 106 Agency: DOT/FHWA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no      yes Name:      Date:       
Is the property is located within a historic district?      yes      no

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| <i>If the property is within a district</i>  | District Inventory Number: <u>    </u> |
| NR-listed district <u>    </u> yes Eligible district <u>    </u> yes   | Name of District: <u>    </u>          |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <u>    </u> yes <u>    </u> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <u>    </u> yes |  |

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| <i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i> | Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <u>X</u> yes <u>    </u> no |
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Criteria:      A      B      C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
Federal files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Prepared by: Emil Elinsky DOT/FHWA Date Prepared: 06/09/1981

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended       
Criteria:      A      B      C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None  
MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Susan Minogue (keeper)

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

June 29, 1981

Date

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY  
*part of Sharptown Multiple Resource Area (declared eligible 6/9/81)***1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Watson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

S.W. corner of Railway and Vine Streets

CITY, TOWN

Sharptown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Wicomico

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Elvin (?) Watson, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Sharptown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21861

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wicomico County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Division Street

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Watson House is a late nineteenth century frame house located on the southwest corner of Railway and Vine Streets, facing west toward Railway St., in Sharptown, Maryland.

The house is a two and a half story gable-roofed structure with a three-bay facade. The north bay is a polygonal bay with overhanging gable at the top story. The gable has patterned shingles and a pointed 2/2 window with a scroll-sawn decorative bargeboard. The gable overhang has scroll-sawn brackets and pendants. The remaining two bays of the facade are spanned by a one-story shed roofed porch with turned columns and perforated brackets.

The exterior was probably originally covered in weatherboards, but is now faced with asbestos siding. The Vine Street elevation was probably two complete bays originally, but the lower floor windows have been removed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Watson House is a good example of Sharptown's architectural style during its boom period in the late nineteenth century, incorporating the popular vernacular Queen Anne style and the high quality woodwork trim of Sharptown's carpenters.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis

ORGANIZATION

MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE

October 8, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

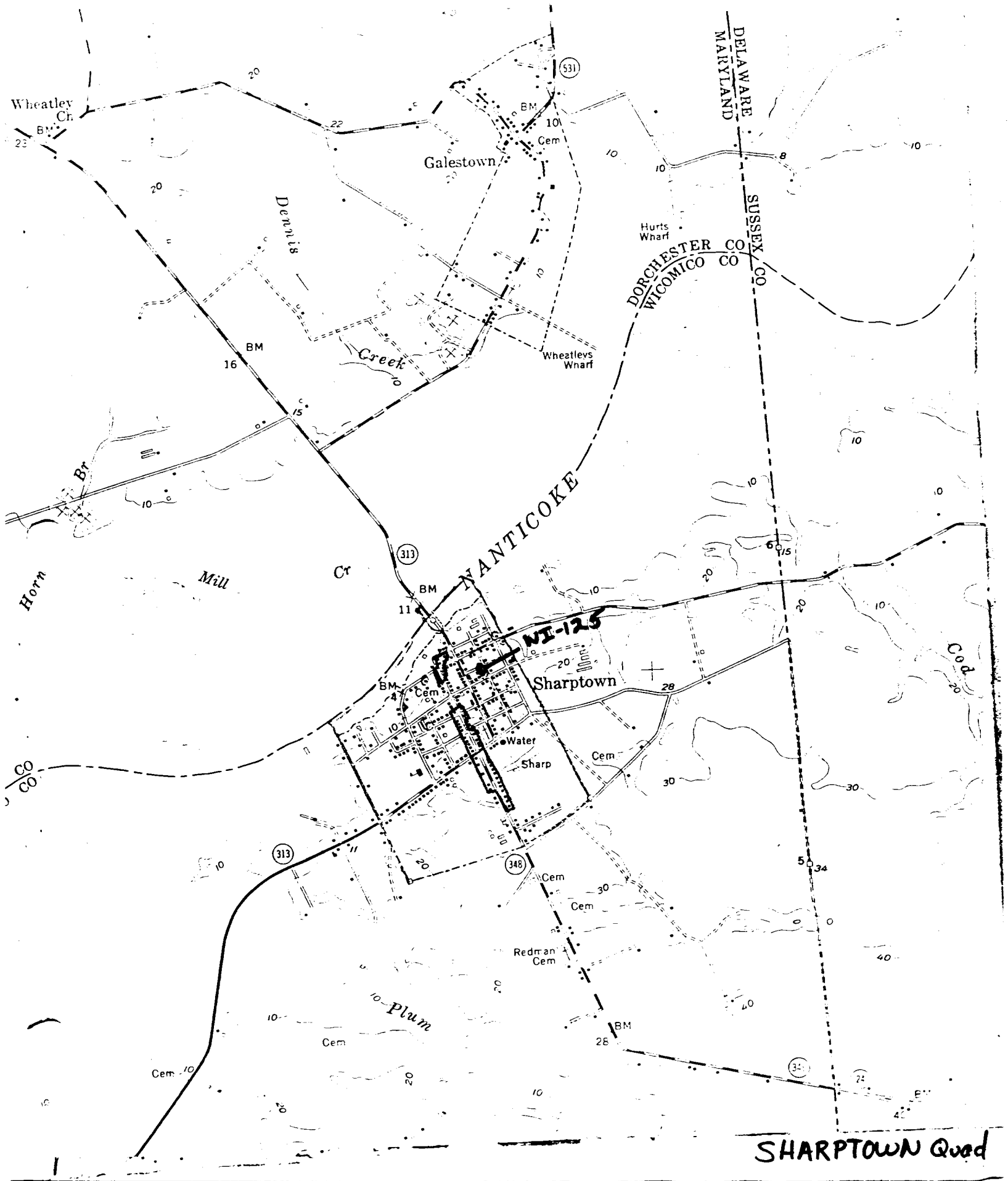
STATE

Maryland 24101

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





Watson House

WI-12E

Shawtown 117

photo: Janet Day

August 1970

northeast elevation